THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The reported incident took place on 11-11-1994 late in the evening. The complaint was lodged by the child and his mother with the Police Station (IITF' 94) at Gate No. 2, Pragati Maidan. The two regular Security Guards of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) were taken into custody by the Delhi Police on 22-11-1994. The same day the incident was reported to the Management for disciplinary action. The two security guards are under suspension and presently under judicial costody.

(c) and (d) The ITPO has not received any reaction to this incident from any of the participants, foreign or Indian.

(e) All the officials of the Security Unit are fully aware of the disciplinary action under the ITPO service and conduct rules. They are fully aware that as and when there are cases of misconduct, unauthorised absence from duty etc. and if by chance any such case takes place, ITPO will take strict disciplinary action against them.

The Unit of Delhi Police stationed at Pragati Maidan during IITF' 94 has been quite active as it has been taking appropriate action whenever any unlawful incident takes place.

Review of BOP cover to India by GATT

767. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report, published in the Times of India dated 27th October, 1994 under the caption "GATT to review Balance of Payment cover to India".

(b) if so, what are the facts and relevant details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of the benefits available under the balance of payments (BOP) cover available to India; and

(d) what will be the concrete negative impact of the withdrawal of the BOP cover ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The GATT Committee on Balance of Payments Restrictions held simplified consultations with India under Article XVIII of the GATT on 15 November, 1994. The Committee has decided to hold full consultations late next year.

(c) GATT provides inter-alia that countries the economy of which can only support low standards of living and are in the early stages of development may control the general level of their imports by restricting the quantity or value of the merchandise permitted to be imported provided the import restrictions do not exceed those necessary (a) to forestall the threat of, or to stop, a serious decline in its monetary reserves, or (b) in the case of a contracting party with inadequate monetary reserves, to achieve a reasonable rate of increase in its reserves.

(d) Does not arise.

Demand regarding budgetary provision towards exports subsidy

768. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Commerce Ministry has forwarded a demand to the